

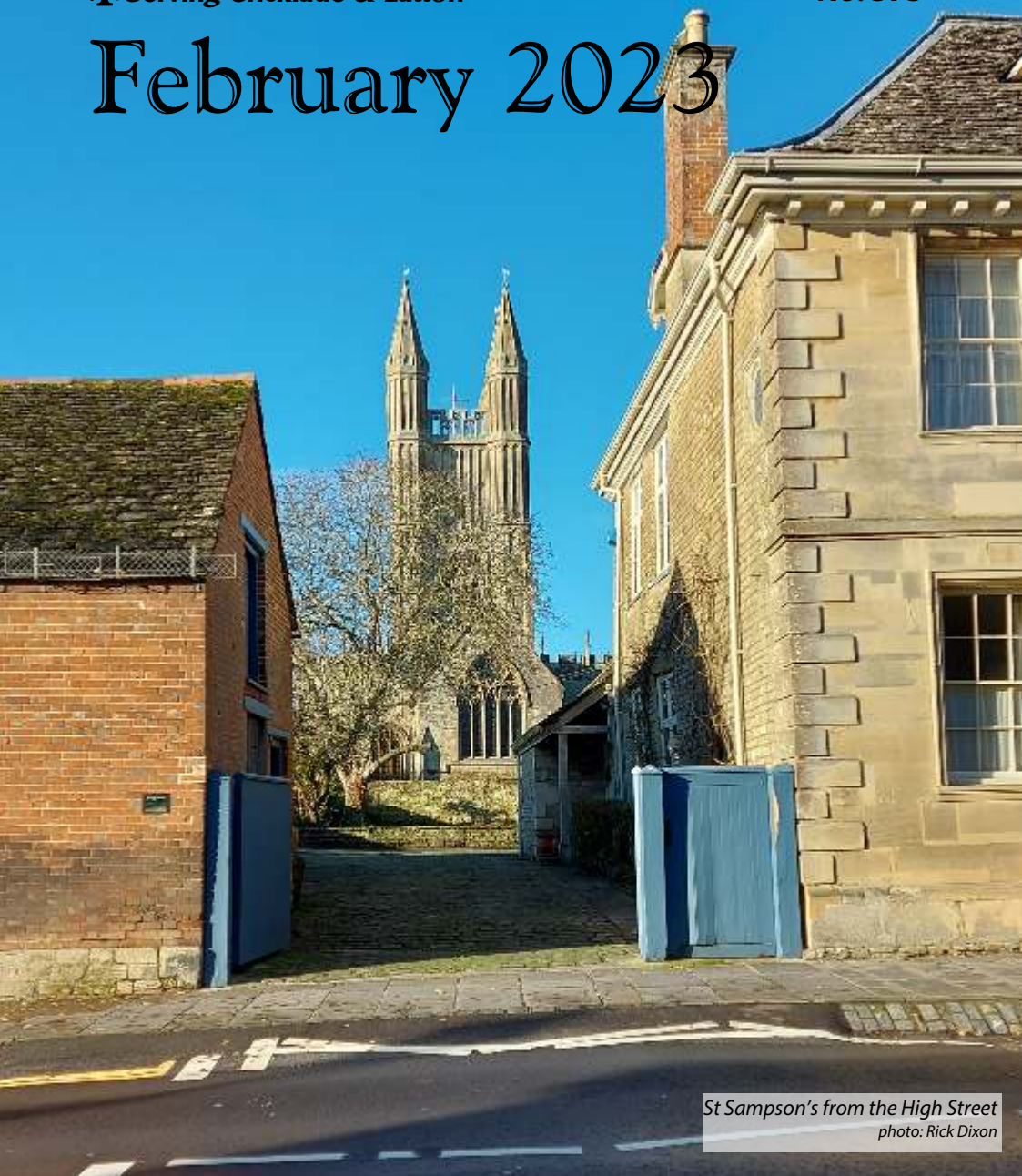


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Colour Scrapbook

A chance to see in colour, some of the pictures published in 2022



From the Editor

There was one of those wonderful clear winter skies the Monday before New Year. A view from the High Street seemed to be a symbol of hope for better times: whether your eye is drawn to the blue sky, the church, the gateway, the bare tree that spring will refurbish with leaves ... something for everyone?

But it will also be obvious that we have a colour cover! This is courtesy of the generous gift for 2023 from a Cricklade resident. We have been asked not to disclose the name but we thank that person immensely all the same.

Latton Parish Council have a new contact email: clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk. This is in the Contacts section which is now on page 4.

The Final Word still forms the final words of the written content of the magazine and is on page 44. There are a few other

page changes but they're all listed in the Contents List below.

There are lots of opportunities for singing! St Sampson's church choir is looking for new members (page 19) and Sing Four Four are always open to new singers (page 23). Meanwhile *The Wessex* male choir, who sang at St Sampson's in October, are holding a recruitment evening on 14 February (p24). Even more adventurous is that Cricklade United Church are attempting a "Musical in a Day". They are calling for singers and musicians to rehearse and perform "Jerusalem Joy" all on 1 April! See page 27 for details.

Don't forget Valentine's Day on 14 February or the pancakes on the 21st!



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Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com or 01793 759123.

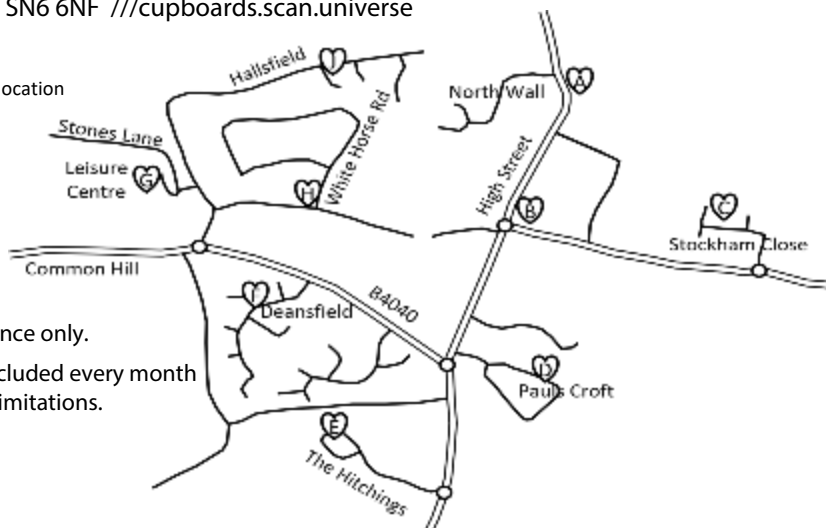
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Cricklade Town Council	751394	Boots Chemist (100 High St)	750226
Latton P/Council ...	clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk	Dentist (104 High St)	750388
Wiltshire Councillor (Bob Jones)	750773	Gas leak reporting	0800 111 999
Wiltshire Council hub	0300 456 0100	Library (113 High St)	750694
Emergency Services	999	Open Door	07599 987851
Non-Emergency: Police	101	Optician (82 High St)	750415
Non-Emergency: NHS	111	Purton Vets (Bath Rd).....	751698
Non-Emergency: Covid Helpline	119	Samaritans	FREE: 116 123
Doctors: Purton Surgery	770207	Schools: St Sampson's Primary	750452
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- 33 Stockham Close, SN6 6EF ///advances.bakers.opts
- 17 Pauls Croft, SN6 6AH ///grace.bind.framework
- 48 The Hitchings, SN6 6NJ ///thing.hydrant.height
- 24 Deansfield, SN6 6BP ///enabling.gymnasium.records
- Cricklade Leisure Centre, SN6 6JW ///smarting.drags.member
- Culverhay Stores (Londis), SN6 6EN ///awaiting.sunflower.achieving
- 9 Kitefield, SN6 6NF ///cupboards.scan.universe



♥ Defibrillator location



Map for guidance only.

May not be included every month due to space limitations.

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Focus on Wiltshire Council

The disadvantage of writing this article each month is that history overtakes the publication.

Since writing the December piece (in October) three Prime Ministers have passed through Downing Street and, in my own life, I have encountered a traumatic health event. Which I survived! ... more than can be said for two of those Prime Ministers. On a serious note, a big thank-you for all your good wishes, concerns and cards wishing me a speedy recovery.

This time of year sees the round of budget meetings, proposals and propositions at all levels of local government. Inflation is biting into the budgets, for example road tarmac now costs 40% more than a year ago. So do we decrease the pothole repairs or put up the Council Tax?

Last year The Conservative administration chose to cut all funding to Day Care Centres and Lunch Clubs. One year on, these important social welfare facilities are struggling to look after the mainly elderly in our community. Central government has approved up to 5% increase in council tax of which 1.9% will be for Adult Social Care; let's hope we see some positive benefits from the increases as the community struggles with higher costs for everything.

The continuing complaints about the Housing Associations are disturbing. I am hearing of waiting times to repair boilers of weeks at a time and other lengthy delays for maintenance. A recent case of mould in a flat caused the death of a young child in Rochdale. This must not be allowed to happen. If you are not getting proper service from your Landlord, whoever they are, please let me know so they can be chased for appropriate action.

If you are having a problem with Wiltshire Council, the Housing Association, or just need some general advice, I can normally find the right contact or highlight your problem to someone who can help. I have a direct telephone contact to all Officers in Wiltshire Council, and you will be surprised what can happen if you talk to the right person. I cannot promise to fix your problem personally, but I can assist you to resolve it.

I am also out and about in Cricklade, Latton and Marston Meysey during the week and always happy to meet with you if you have a specific problem to discuss. Please email me or phone to arrange a meeting. I can be contacted on my mobile 07973 863 702 or email me at bob.jones@wiltshire.gov.uk

Bob Jones, Wiltshire Councillor

Cricklade Library

The Library is above the Town Council Office at 113 High Street. The entrance is through the gateway and there is a lift as well as stairs to the library level.

Current opening hours are: *(Closed Bank Holidays)*

Mon: 2–4pm	Wed: 2–4pm	Fri: 2–5pm	Sun: Closed
Tues: 10am–1pm	Thurs: 2–7pm	Sat: 10am–1pm	

Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

Monday 13 February: Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee

Monday 20 February: Premises & Finance Committee

All meetings, commencing at 7pm, are held in the Council Chamber, Ockwells, 113 High Street. Members of the public are welcome and have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.

Christmas Lights 2022

The Council would like to say thank you to so many of our residents that lit up Cricklade so well over the festive period. The Council would also like to congratulate the following winners of the Christmas lights competition:

Best lights winner

1 Pauls Croft. Highly commended: 40 Cherry Tree Road & 160 Bath Road

Best decorated house

128 Ladymead. Highly commended: 124 Lady Mead.

Best residential window

65 High Street Highly commended: 57B High Street

Best commercial window

Things, High Street Highly commended: High Street Stitches

Best front door

Spruce, High Street Highly commended: 93 High Street

Many thanks to the Christmas lights committee for the great evening on 3 December – if you would like to be involved in the future please email the Council and we will pass your details to the committee.

Closed Churchyards

The churchyards of both St Sampson's and St Mary's are classified as 'closed' which means the responsibility for their maintenance lies with the Town Council. In recent years we embarked on restoring those tombs in danger of collapse. In the summer it was the turn of the Casket Top (or 'Tea-Caddy') style tomb (*pictured*) which is on the left when entering the St Sampson's churchyard from Church Lane. It is dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth, widow of Rice Vaughan esq and dates from 1821. The administrative process is complex as it requires permission from the Bristol Diocese and planning permission as most of the tombs are listed structures in their own right.



Bonfires

The Council has recently received a few complaints about the number of bonfires happening in Cricklade. Please note that lighting a bonfire without consideration for



those around you can cause distress to those around you when, for example, weather conditions are inappropriate (such as winds blowing toward neighbours' property) or burning inappropriate materials (such as wet or green plant material, plastic or other materials that will generate smoke), or on a fine summer's evening when others are enjoying their gardens. There is information on Wiltshire Council website under smoke nuisance with recording forms available to download and complete as evidence of inappropriate bonfires which environmental health can then investigate on your behalf. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/env-health-smoke-nuisance

Events Diary 2023

With 2023 upon us, we'd like to remind residents about the Town Diary which can be found as the 'Events Calendar' on the Town Council website. You can email details of any events or meeting etc. to admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk and the website will be updated with your event details.

Civic Awards 2023 - Do You Know Someone Who Goes the Extra Mile?

Cricklade is renowned for its community spirit, so do you know of someone, or a group of people, who volunteer in the community and deserve to be recognised for all their hard work, bravery or courage? The Town Council is seeking nominations towards three categories of award: Young Person of the Year, Cricklade Community Award and Community Group of the Year. Details and forms are available on the website or from the Town Council offices. Closing date: Friday 3 March 2023.

The Town Council and Tourist Information Point is open:

Monday to Friday 10.00 - 16.00 hrs (Closed 12.30 - 13.30 hrs)

Closed on Public Holidays

Tel: 01793 751394 E-mail: admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



Follow the Council @ www.facebook.com/CrickladeTownCouncil

Cricklade W.I.

Our January meeting started the New Year with a delightful evening enjoying Prosecco and nibbles while watching a short play 'The Village Social' written and performed by some of our WI members.



For our 16 February meeting we look forward to welcoming Rev. Dr Nicholas Henderson who will talk about 'How to read the English Country Church'.

The year continues with Glenn Salter, our guest speaker for our 16 March meeting, who will give us an insight into 'Research and how it affects and influences the plotting of a novel'.

Except for December, our meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe. We are always delighted to welcome new members and if you are interested and would like more information please contact our Secretary, Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or email vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com

Cricklade Garden Club

NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Our first meeting in 2023 will be on Tuesday, 14 March which is also our AGM and our programme for the coming year will be revealed.

Our meeting in December sadly had to be cancelled because of the bad weather - our speaker was snowed in halfway up a Cotswold hillside! I'm counting the number of plants I've lost in that bitter cold. As I write this on New Year's Eve, it is raining, but the North Meadow is a magical lake and my first early narcissus is flowering, so it's not all gloom and doom.

To remind you: our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall Annexe. Tea and cakes are served from 7pm. The Speaker starts at 7.30pm.

For information about the club, upcoming events and trips please look at our excellent website www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk

Membership is £20 p.a. We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (www.gfgs.org.uk) and to the RHS. Visitors welcome at £3 a session - come and give us a try.

Queries to Anne 07717 695 022; Janet 07765 276 534; Bizzie 07876 347 973

We look forward to seeing you in March!



Bizzie's article prompted me to go and look at North Meadow in flood. This picture is taken from the Causeway, looking south. You may just spot St Sampson's church left of centre. Ed.

Waylands Estates Charity

Supporting Cricklade, Past & Present



The next meeting of the Wayland Estates Charity
will take place on 1 February 2023
in the Town Hall committee room
commencing at 7pm

This meeting is an 'open' meeting and the residents of Cricklade and the Parish thereof are all welcome to join the proceedings.

The agenda will be published in advance on Facebook and on the notice boards in the town.

Leave a Legacy to Cricklade

Wayland Estates Charity would appreciate residents of Cricklade considering making a donation or leaving a gift in their will to the Charity.

WHY? Currently, Wayland Estates Charity gives approximately £10,000 per annum to community groups. The Charity has a limited amount of capital, providing a small amount of income, with little opportunity for growth. In future we would like to be able increase our income allowing us to help more groups and support bigger projects.

We started in 1551! Wayland Estates Charity was originally set up in 1551 when the income was used to maintain the highways of Cricklade. In the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries the charity funded some street lighting and helped maintain the Jubilee clock. Any surplus monies were given to the local authorities to help reduce rates. From 1976, with the approval of the Charities Commission, the income has been used to help local groups with grants for capital items.

Who are we? There is a committee of twelve Cricklade residents who, as Trustees, meet twice a year to decide the grant awards and to maintain the running of the charity.

Who do we help? Examples of projects that have been supported are machinery for the Cricket Club, equipment for the Town Band, a gate at the Jenner Hall, the Clock at St Mary's, mirrors in the Dance Studio at the Leisure Centre. Our grants, given for capital projects not for running costs, enable groups to provide a community facility that may otherwise be lost in the future without valuable support.

It is hoped that you may like to donate now or leave a legacy in your will for the benefit of Cricklade and the future of Cricklade. Wayland Estates Charity is the perfect way to do this by adding to the Charity's capital and ensuring a healthy future income with which to help groups supporting everyone in Cricklade.

A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!



For more information contact John Harman (clerk to Wayland Estates Charity)

Tel: 07962 116526 Email: jharman@btopenworld.com

or visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/waylandestates

or donate at: donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/waylandestatescharity (or scan the QR code on the left)

Cricklade 100 Years Ago

Cricklade's very first commercial garage

Following WW1, the motor vehicle began to replace horse power, and those men who embraced the new technologies flourished in the commercial world.

One such man was Charles Blackwell, a Cricklade saddler and harness maker. In 1920 he drove to Rendcomb airfield to purchase a wooden hanger. This was duly brought back to Cricklade in sections to be reassembled in Calcutt Street, and here, with his partner Jack Hurst, they established the first commercial garage in town.

Another notable Cricklade resident of this era, with the necessary foresight and versatility to succeed in business, was Leonard Owen Hammond. He'd arrived in town well before WW1, as chauffeur at the Manor House, but c1911 he'd set up a small independent bike hire business at 100 High Street (pictured above), selling bicycles, and accessories for the new motor cars. Soon he was hiring out and repairing cars in workshops behind his shop.



After Charles' brief partnership with Mr Hurst collapsed, the enterprising Mr Hammond suggested they set up a much bigger concern together, since his High Street premises backed on to Charlie's Calcutt Street site, and would considerably increase their working area. A partnership was agreed which lasted for several years, although the business only traded

under L O Hammond's name. By the mid-20s Mr Hammond's shrewd entrepreneurial skills were to make him one of the biggest employers in town enabling him to provide much needed employment to local men and boys for many years to come.

From: Cricklade Revealed, Part 2, Ch.5.

Some Cricklade Revealed books are likely to be in short supply in the future. To ensure your copy is still available please contact Marion Parsons on 750542, or mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com. Thank you.

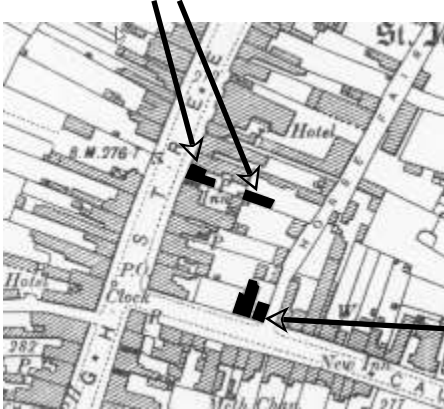
Middle left: Mr Hammond's workforce at the back of his Calcutt Street garage.

Right: Three mechanics outside the Calcutt Street front gates.



Right: Compare 100 High Street today (Boots Chemists)

*Below: 1914 OS map showing relationship between the two Hammond's sites
100 High Street premises*



Calcutt Street premises

Come and sing with St Sampson's Church Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of a committed, friendly team to sing beautiful choral music in church, please join us! We range from age 17 to 80. Our commitments are few and we do understand that everyone has busy lives and can't make everything!

- ♪ 2 Sunday communion services per month
10am - 11am (most important)
- 🎹 1 Sunday Morning Worship service with the organ
- ♪ Some weddings
- 🎵 Annual Carol Service, Christmas Eve Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning
- 🎵 Occasional Choral Evensongs

The ability to read music is helpful but not essential.

We meet on Fridays 7pm - 8.30pm. Please come along and see if it's for you.

Please email admin@upperthames.org.uk and we will get back to you.



Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings when the following talks will be delivered to us:

9 February: World Water Movement

23 February: Friends against Scams

The meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 10 am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063



Cricklade Camera Club

Our season runs from September to June with friendly summer meets in July and August. Full details of our 2023/24 season's events can be found on our website (crickladecameraclub.org) or by contacting the Club Secretary Anne Eckersley at clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org



New members are always welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. So if you are budding novice or a more experienced photographer, why don't you try us out for an evening for a guest fee of £5.00.

On 7 February in the Town Hall Annexe starting at 7.30pm we have our second round of both PDI and Print League which will be judged by SCPF judge Bob Hart.

On 21 February, Caroline Preece will be presenting her Tools not Rules talk via Zoom starting at 7.30pm. Caroline is a well respected judge and will be talking about using photography as a visual language and how to communicate through your personal take on the world through your images.

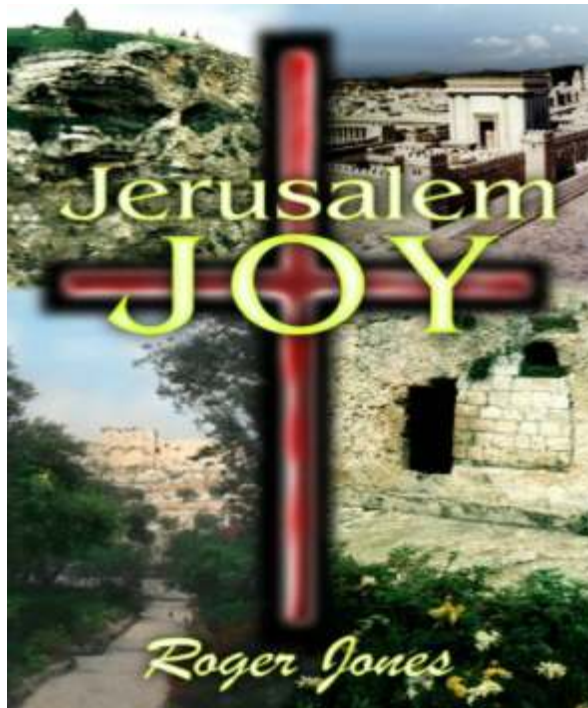
She will also aim to provide photographers with an understanding of the psychology behind how people interpret the visual elements within an image; and the impact of their compositional choices on the end image and how the viewer experiences it. This helps the photographer to ensure their photos say what they want them to say and they can create images with impact. (carolinepreecephotography.com)

On 7 March in the Town Hall Annexe starting at 7.30pm we will be joined by Michelle Whitmore who will be presenting her talk on Macro on a Budget and reveal how you can produce fantastic images in your home using nothing more than your kitchen table, a standard kit lens and some very basic, cheap lighting.

On 21 March, Rojer Weightman will be talking about Still Life, Allegory, Vanitas and Memento Mori via Zoom starting at 7.30pm. Rojer will explain the history of and difference between still life and its variants in Art and Photography.

A fascinating talk about still life art and photography and the influences of the 17th century Dutch masters and the meanings they embedded into their paintings.

Jerusalem Joy
on Saturday 1 April Cricklade United Church
will be presenting (with your help!)
Jerusalem Joy - a musical in a day



Some of you may recall we held our last workshop in 2018 and it is so good to be able to plan for this year's event. Jerusalem Joy, written by Roger Jones, is the exciting story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Roger set up Christian Music Ministries (CMM) to support and facilitate music within Churches.

Jerusalem Joy is a short musical, and quite easy to learn. A team from CMM will be coming to Cricklade United Church to run a scratch "musical in a day". All we need are singers and participants!

This will be a fun event for all ages and levels of musical ability (and none!) - just a willingness to participate!

Venue: Cricklade United Church, Calcutt Street. Date: 1 April 2023
Time: Rehearsal from 12.45pm Performance: 4.30pm (approx.)

As well as singers we are looking for musicians willing to support us on the day.

For further details about the day and to register please contact Phillipa Knight on 01793 750556 or email phillipa58@hotmail.com

Churches Together

The Upper Thames Benefice

Cricklade St Sampson's, Latton St John the Baptist, Ashton Keynes Holy Cross and the Leigh All Saints

Contact details:

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes email: vicar@upperthames.org.uk tel: 01793 752718

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby
email: shirleydanby21@gmail.com; tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles
email: admin@upperthames.org.uk tel: 01793 979304

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Funerals

23 November Gerald Michael Park

services at North Wilts Crematorium and Holy Cross Church

1 December Melvyn Alan Smith *Kingsdown Crematorium with Thanksgiving service at St Sampson's*

12 December Andrew John Parker *service at St Sampson's followed by North Wilts Crematorium*

17 December Barbara Telling *service and burial at Holy Cross Church*

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times 9.30am on Sundays
10.00am on Fridays

For notices please see the noticeboard on the railings of St Mary's.

Parish website www.stthomasparish.plus.com.

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com

Gerry Dudley, our Church Secretary, is on 01793 750107.

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk

Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit. Services of worship take place on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and all are welcome. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events.

<https://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk>

er in Cricklade & Latton

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

5 February Third Sunday before Lent

- 8am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St John the Baptist, Latton*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

12 February Second Sunday before Lent

- 10am Upper Thames Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*

19 February Sunday before Lent

- 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St John the Baptist, Latton*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Holy Cross*
- 4pm Evensong *at Holy Cross*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

26 February Lent 1

- 8.30am Holy Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St John the Baptist, Latton*
- 4pm Informal Worship *at St Sampson's*

Sing Four Four

After the success of their Christmas Concert, the Choir took a well-earned break.

Rehearsals re-commenced on 19 January in Cricklade United Church. They run between 7.30 and 9.30pm.

The choir are looking forward to learning some new songs and increasing their repertoire. We have a summer concert in our sights!

New people are always welcome. Please come along if you enjoy singing. There are no auditions!

For more information, please use our contact form which can be found on our website: www.singfourfour.org.uk or email our musical director Jen Bamford at: jenloubamford@googlemail.com





The Wessex: Recruitment Evening

14 February 2023

February 14th isn't just a day to show your love of a partner. Perhaps, like us, you have a love for music or maybe Valentine's is just not your thing! Why not take up something totally different and join our AWARD WINNING Male Choir!!

The Wessex are recruiting new members and are holding a recruitment evening on Tuesday 14 February, 7.30 to 9.30pm at Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club, SN4 8DS.

If you are over 18 years old and can hold a tune, WE WANT YOU!

You don't need any previous experience, nor be able to read sheet music. We will support you through your audition and learning all the way to your first concert in front of an audience with the rest of the lads!

We normally rehearse at Abbey Meads in Swindon and four of our choristers live in Cricklade, contact: Rick 07743 274 977.

The Wessex are a registered charity and hold several fund raising concerts throughout the year, as well as the occasional choral competition!



Visit our website to get in touch and for more details:
www.thewessex.org.uk

Registered Charity 1159723

Not always serious! Hats and scarves deployed for "Oliver Medley" at St Sampson's, October 2022

Cricklade Town Hall

Your Community Hall

Book your event at Cricklade Town Hall. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding celebrations, children's parties, quiz nights, club meetings, etc. - we have done them all! The Town Hall offers flexible space with tables, padded chairs, excellent kitchen facilities and free WiFi.

We offer a choice of one or more of the Main Hall, the Annexe, and a Committee Room, to meet your particular requirements. The Main Hall toilets and foyer area have been recently refurbished to a high standard, making our facilities eminently suitable for that special event you might be planning.

Please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mrs Nicola Fry on 01666 861023 (before 9pm please) or via email at crickladetownhall@hotmail.com for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall

The Town Hall was established on 11 July 1933 for the Parish of Cricklade and is a Registered Charity, No. 305499



The Cricklade Band ...kept on carolling!



Didn't we just! We kept going through the snow and ice, through temperatures as low as minus 8C. Most of us kept going even though we had six cases of Covid preventing people turning up and we had lots more who kept on going with that horrible cold!

We can only keep doing it with the help of so many people – and as a community band we also thank the wider community for the part you played. You always support us by coming out to see us, tagging along with us, applauding and cheering, filming and photographing us – it all cheers us along as we make our way through our carol books! Most importantly, you dropped donations into our red buckets, which means that we have achieved our target of being able to afford the major forward expenses of 2023 with just a bit spare too. For a non-profit making organisation, where no one gets paid and everyone volunteers their time and skills, it's a weight off our minds!

People who we'd like to specially thank for their help and support are Eric and Chris, Cricklade's town criers who were out and about with us. Also some of our band Vice Presidents accompanied us too. The arrival of bacon rolls on Christmas Morning is always so welcome, specially when the 'Wobble Doctor' provides them, with bacon supplied by Harold James – thank you! We'd also like to thank the editors of Cricklade Chronicle, Purton Magazine and Ashton Keynes and Leigh Newsletter for allowing us to publicise all that we do in a printed or electronic form.

There have been many touching words of support and thanks posted on Facebook too, in response to the almost daily social media updates that we post before and after each event. There's a strong sense that you all like tracking the way we've evolved to continue with our traditions.

And then there was Christmas Show! This was a Cricklade Town Hall sell-out and our publicity invited you to 'turn it into a party' – didn't you ever, what a night! Not only that, then you all checked whether you'd won a raffle prize contributed by local shops and businesses, thank you – and thanks to them!

As a final note, whole families were coming out into the streets as the band made its way round – if you or your children found what we do inspirational and you'd like to have a go, or pick up where you left off, then just check out our Facebook page, drop us

an email – and just come and have a go!

For now, we're all so grateful to everyone who played their own part, helping us to ... 'keep on carolling' – thank you!

*Paul, and everyone
in the band*



Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



A Message from the Surgery

Over the past few weeks the Surgery has seen a huge increase in the demand for appointments, which has been compounded with practice staff sickness.

If you have a minor illness you can also visit 111.nhs.uk for advice on medical conditions and self-management information.

Pharmacies can also help as they have qualified healthcare professionals, who can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains.

Changes on our PPG

As Chair of our PPG since 2014 Marietta Crockford has decided to stand down from this position but will continue as a member of the Committee. We thank her for all the hard work she has put into the position and we welcome Committee member Nikki Lawrence as our new Chair.

Peter Berry has been a valued member of our Committee for a number of years. However, as he is busy in his role of Chair of Purton & District Age Concern, he has decided to stand down from the PPG. We will miss him and thank him for all the work he has done as a PPG committee member.

In 2022 we have purchased:

- A second doppler machine
- Three adjustable consulting couches
- A new screen for the waiting room in Purton Surgery

We are also grateful to the generosity of Purton & District Age Concern for funding the purchase of another high-backed chair with arms, this time for Green Gable Surgery.

200 Club draw

Thank you to all who are supporting the 200 Club. The December draw was done by Receptionist Marie Chapman (*right*). The £100 winner was David Herbert and the £15 winner was Avril Ainscough.



The January 2023 draw was done by Receptionist Carole Welsh (*left*). The £100 winner was Janet Saunders and the £15 winner was Nicola Lawrence.

Table Top and Books in Purton Surgery

A reminder that the tabletop is now up and running in the Purton Surgery Waiting Room. There are also books in the bookcase for purchase (50p each). If you wish to purchase

from the Tabletop please hand your money to the reception team.

Please also donate any books by handing them to the reception team ... and don't forget once you have read a book you can always bring it back to the reception team for the shelves!

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact via groupforpatients@gmail.com

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary

St Sampson's Church Appeal

We look forward to further events taking place in our lovely church in 2023. Choirs often ask to perform in our church due to its wonderful acoustics. Donations are generally made by them to contribute towards the further improvement of the building.

Saturday 4 March

Quiz at St Sampson's School 7pm for 7.30 start

Teams of 6 Tickets £8.50 to include hot supper

Alcohol and soft drinks available by donation

Advance notice

Saturday 11 March 2023

Cantores Chamber Choir at St Sampson's Church

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the 20 November 2022 draw was:

Nigel Massey who won £30.50

St Sampson's Church Appeal benefitted by £30.50

The lucky winner of the 18 December 2022 draw was:

Bev Williams who won £30

St Sampson's Church Appeal benefitted by £30

It would be great to get 100 members in 2023! Contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375

sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com

We would still be grateful for any further donations to the next phases of the church appeal.

Cash or cheques (made payable to St Sampson's PCC No. 2 Account) can be put in the donations box at St Sampson's, or sent to Adina Grace, Church Warden at Staddlestones, 4/5 West Mill Lane, Cricklade, SN6 6JL. For further details please contact Adina at janda.grace447@outlook.com or 01793 750138.

Online donations can be made scanning the QR code (*right*) or visiting <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com>.



CRICKLADE CINEMA!

Our Spring season continues on **Tuesday 28 February** at 8pm in the Town Hall

The Lost King (12, 108mins)

The film is based on the true story of a woman's quest to locate the remains of King Richard III, which are believed to be scattered and lost to time after the Battle of Bosworth - but may actually be beneath a car park in the centre of Leicester. *(contains infrequent strong language, discrimination)*

And still to come.....

14 March: Emily (Cert 15, 130mins)

28 March: Ticket To Paradise (Cert 12A, 114mins)

Tickets can be purchased in advance from The Town Council Offices at 113 High Street or on the door (subject to availability). Price £5.



Advance notice

22 April: Cricklade Cinema Film Festival. Something for all the family. More details to follow in the Chronicle's March issue. Also look out for further details on our Facebook page and Town Council events diary

More details about all the films being shown and information on Cricklade Cinema can be found on our website (www.crickldecinema.org.uk) so why not take a look.

Email us at: crickldecinema@gmail.com or phone on 750782.

Check us out at Facebook Cricklade Cinema



Cricklade Jenner Hall (Parish Hall) "Save It Club"

The lucky winners of the recent Monthly Draws were:

Draw held on 24 November

First Prize:	Mrs M. Bracher	£37.50
Second Prize:	Mr & Mrs B. Palmer	£25.00
Jenner Hall Funds:		£62.50

Draw held on 15 December

First Prize:	Mr & Mrs E. Cripps	£37.50
Second Prize:	Mr T. Kimber	£25.00
Jenner Hall Funds:		£62.50



The Save It Club raised £755.00 in 2022 - these funds will go towards the up-keep of the Jenner Hall. Thank you for your continued support.

To Join the Jenner Hall "Save It Club" Please contact Paul Marley Tel: 752851

The Subscription for the "Save It Club" is only £12 per year. Subscribers are encouraged to pay a year's subscription of £12 by Standing Order.

All data is held under the guidelines of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018

Cricklade Open Door

Hello everyone and best wishes to you all for a good 2023 from Cricklade Open Door.

We reopened after the Christmas break on 3 January and were very happy to get going again with all our regular activities, lunches, special events and once again to spend time with friends and fellow members.



We were very fortunate, again last year, to have the support of so many Cricklade residents, businesses and organisations. Our lunches have continued to be supplied by Chefs Colin and George and the team at Cricklade Manor Prep School and in addition, they made Christmas goodie boxes, which the students delivered, so politely and with a Christmas song, to many of our members. Both Cricklade Manor Prep School and St Sampson's CofE Primary School Singers came to Open Door and entertained us with Christmas songs and carols and chatted so easily with us all. It is always a delight to welcome young people at Open Door. We would like to say a BIG 'thank you' to everyone who supports Open Door with services and talents, donations for raffles and, very importantly, financially - you are all helping to keep this vital Cricklade service running.

Do 'keep an eye out' for our posters around the town, which advertise our weekly and special events.

On Tuesday 31 January, we will welcome guest speaker, Elisabeth White (known as Bizzy!) who will entertain us for a short while with her funny and poignant monologues about a Welsh character - *The Life and Times of Betty Price!* This will, as always, be followed by excellent refreshments and time to chat.

We always like to celebrate Valentine's Day with a special Valentine's Afternoon Tea Party, so Tuesday 14 February will be a great afternoon.

On Monday morning 20 February 11am to 12 noon, we welcome back, courtesy of The Wiltshire Music Centre, Sian and Rob who will get us all singing and laughing, as they did last autumn.

All our usual activities, Knit and Natter, Seated Exercises and Bingo will continue or if you just fancy a coffee and a chat, call in in the mornings and you will find a warm welcome in a lovely, warm hall.

*Cricklade Open Door, The Jenner Hall, tel: 07599 987 851
Open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10am to 3.30pm
Lunch can be booked before 10am on the day - £5.00*

Parkinson's UK

**At The Cricklade Club, High Street, SN6 6AY
10.30am - noon**

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We meet in The Living Room, turn right and follow the sign from the Foyer.
contact: parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com or call 07951 944 760.

Foodbank

Open every Friday 10.00am to 11.30 am in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road



The Foodbank team send a heartfelt 'Thank You' to everyone who has so generously donated food in recent weeks. We were particularly delighted by the response to our special Christmas campaign. There were donations of mince pies, Christmas puddings and selection boxes, among many other items. Thanks to your generosity, many families had a better Christmas than they were originally expecting.

Our client numbers continue to rise as the cost-of-living crisis affects more and more families. Over the Malmesbury & District Area as a whole, in the 6 weeks between 24 October and 4 December the need has increased 230% from the same period last year.

We will need to continue to call on your generosity to provide this vital service.

You can donate items at Tesco, Animal Fayre (pet shop), Culverhay Stores or any of the churches.

There is a useful little App which can remind you of our needs when you are near to one of our collection points. It is called 'BanktheFood'. Download it and give it a try.

If you, or someone you know, needs to access the Foodbank you can do so in the following ways:

call – 01666 826982 (we will call you back)

Email: cricklade@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Our top 10 needs at the moment are:

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| • Long life fruit juice | • Pasta | • Tinned custard |
| • Long life milk | • Rice | • Tinned tomatoes |
| • Cold tinned meat | • Sponge puddings | • Small boxes laundry powder/liquid |

Thank you, we have enough: Soup; Baked beans; Washing up liquid; Shower gel; Cleaning products; Fish; Biscuits.

Cricklade Historical Society

Wednesday 22 February: Annual General Meeting

To be held at the Town Hall Annexe – Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

This will be followed by a short talk about the building of John Pater's School (Bottom School) - By Mark Clarke.

Bingo 4 Us

Bingo4Us is a small non-profit group who meet at the Jenner Hall, Cricklade on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30 and it is 'EYES DOWN' at 2 pm. We are keen to have more members from the local area, including Purton, who will be made very welcome.

There is no joining fee, just a fee of £1 per session to cover prizes.

There are no forms to complete, so just come along on the day. For venue details and any questions please give Vicky a call on 07801 952 027.

Cricklade Bowls Club

One sunny day last summer, we were happily playing bowls out on our green, when there was a loud noise from the club equipment portacabin. The ceiling panels of the building had collapsed! No one was in there at the time and no equipment was damaged, but it revealed the roof had been leaking for some time and was rotten.



As the bowls 2022 season came to an end, the men's and ladies' changing rooms filled up with bowls scoreboards, foot mats and bowls dollys. There was nowhere to put the mower so it spent the winter in the driest possible corner of the portacabin. We hope to have a solution sorted and our changing rooms back in good time for the 2023 season!

During last summer and autumn, club members constructed a new pedestrian ramp (*left*) from Bath Road to make access to the Clubhouse and green easier for members and guests avoiding the old steps. The costs were match funded by grants from Cricklade Town Council and the Wiltshire Council Area Board. The new facility was opened in the presence of some of the Cricklade councillors in

September 2022 (*below left*). Plantings to the side of the new ramp (*below right*) were arranged by Liz Sherman. Our congratulations and thanks go to all those involved.

Our new committee was elected at the November 2022 AGM and consists of: Chairman Brian Uthgenannt, Secretary Roy Phillips, Treasurer Rick Dixon, members Liz Sherman and Tony Clements. We wish all our Club Members a happy new season and invite new members to join us.

Please join us for a Club Social at the Bath Road clubhouse at 7.30pm on **Saturday 4 February.**

Details of the club's Open Day will be announced in the March issue of *The Chronicle*.



Cricklade Jenner Hall ...

... continues to be At The Heart Of Cricklade for over 300 years.

The Jenner Hall continues to be a popular place for family events and smaller wedding receptions.

Our Trustees aim to make the Hall attractive to all age groups and any suggestions would be welcomed.

If you would like to book the Jenner Hall for a party or celebration, contact our booking secretary Charlotte Crawley at jennerhall.bookings@gmail.com or call 07900 122 099.

John Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust





The Club needs First Aiders for Saturday games (about 3 per month) to be part of a supportive coaching team – free kit, mileage and training. If you would like to join or play please contact Mike Murray, our Club Captain, at michaelmurray198922@gmail.com or phone 07514 596 910. Training is on a Thursday at 7pm at Fairview Fields, all are welcome. We are a friendly club and welcome new players and supporters.

Coming Fixtures are:

11 Feb vs Royal Wootton Bassett IV at Home

18 Feb vs Minety II at Home

4 Mar vs Supermarine Away

Please come along and watch your local team.

Our Minis section continues to grow and is open to all shapes, sizes and genders. We aim to provide a safe environment where every player can enjoy rugby and develop their personal and social skills as well as a wide array of transferable multi-sports skills.

Training is held at our Fairview Fields ground and new players from age 6 are always welcome.

Juniors	Under 10-12	Friday 5.30 to 6.45pm;
	Under 13s and 14s	Friday 7 to 8.15pm;
Minis	Under 6s through to Under 9s	Saturday 11 to 12 noon.

We are particularly keen to recruit U13s and U14s; please contact our Director of Minis, Seth Wareing, sethwareing@hotmail.com or phone 07305 059 879. We would also welcome any parents who want to get involved and support the Minis, so if you are interested please contact Seth.

Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

Come and join this friendly club for our regular pétanque sessions at Cricklade Leisure Centre, with play starting at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and 10am on Saturday mornings (please arrive 10 minutes before the start time).

We play three games with a break in between for tea or coffee and a chat. We also run training sessions on the first and last Wednesday mornings of the month.

Our recent social events seem to have centred round the pubs of Cricklade! We enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal at The White Hart, pre-Christmas drinks in The Red Lion and we're back to The White Hart to play skittles on 23 January.

Some members have entered the Great Western Region Winter Doubles and we will be hosting matches at the Leisure Centre on the mornings of Sundays 5 and 19 February. Spectators welcome!

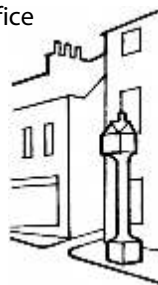
If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club please come and say hello, take a look at our notice board just inside the Leisure Centre, or visit our website at saxonspetanque.co.uk.

The Chronicle Diary – February 2023

- 1 W 7pm Waylands Estates Charity open meeting, Town Hall Committee Room
end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 4 Sa 7.30pm Bowls Cub social evening at the Bath Road clubhouse
- 7 Tu 7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 9 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 13 M *to 17 Feb:* School holiday (Wiltshire schools: others may differ)
7pm Town Council Planning (etc.) Committee, Council Chamber
- 14 Tu **Valentine's Day**
7.30pm The Wessex recruitment evening, RWB Rugby Club
- 15 W 10.30am to noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
- 16 Th 7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 20 M Wiltshire schools resume
7pm Town Council Premises & Finance Committee, Council Chamber
- 21 Tu **Pancake Day - Shrove Tuesday**
7.30pm Camera Club Zoom meeting
- 22 W **Ash Wednesday - beginning of Lent**
7.30pm Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 23 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 28 Tu 8pm Cricklade Cinema at Town Hall, tickets from Council Office

Every Week

- M 10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall
10am-noon Computer Club at Leisure Centre
- Tu 10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall
- W 1.30 for 2pm Bingo4Us at Jenner Hall
- Th 10-11am Cricklade Credit Union: in Tourist Information Office
10am-3.30pm Open Door at Jenner Hall
1.30-4.30pm The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
7pm Rugby Club training at Fairview Fields
7.30-9.30pm Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
- F 10-11.30am Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall
10-11.30am Coffee Cafe at Cricklade United Church Hall
5pm St Sampson's church choir rehearsal
- Sa 10am-noon Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street



Moon Phases - February 2023

5th ☉ 13th 🌑 20th 🌒 27th 🌑

The Final Word ...

As I write, on the penultimate day of 2022, I find myself reflecting on my experiences over the past year, and my hopes and fears for the year ahead.

You may have heard the slogan 'cultivate an attitude of gratitude' - how to think back on the past day/week/year and remember what we feel particularly grateful for.

I think this makes good sense in terms of our lives, but also our religious beliefs. As a Christian, I believe gratitude is an important part of our relationship with God, and helps to restore our faith and our zest for life.

Some people find it helpful to use the photos on their phones as a prompt, to remind them of things, people or events they're thankful for. I can also recommend a book by Mike Starkey entitled 'Restoring the Wonder', as a very readable guide for those of us needing a boost at this time of year.

So I hope 2023 has started well for you, and that you can look back on many happy occasions, and carry that 'attitude of gratitude' with you as you travel through the year ahead.

God bless,

*Pauline Loveday
Licensed Lay Minister*

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